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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the above-identified application and have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. \$121 by the Examiner.

The Restriction Requirement is somewhat similar to one earlier made by the Examiner on September 14, 2001, which has been vacated.